

Arlington High and other Arlington schools will see more money — but not much more — from the recently passed state education bill.

## New Education Bill Seen As A Mild Aid

By ERIC BLOM

Arlington will benefit from the recently passed state education bill, but not as much as some other towns, say state and local officials.

School Superintendent Walter Devine calls the impact of the law "minimal" for the town. Arlington state Sen. Richard Kraus, a co-author of the bill, says that while the town will benefit from the law, poorer communities will benefit more.

"I think it is only scratching the surface of what is needed," Devine says. "But it is a good beginning."

Both Kraus and Devine agree the greatest impact of the bill will be to raise people's consciousness about education.

"It is going to bring up front and out in the open what schools are doing," Kraus asserts.

"I think the importance of the bill is that it focuses people's attention on the importance of education," Devine says.

The local educator adds that several of the programs in particular will benefit Arlington.

Devine says the Horace Mann

Scholarships (please see sidebar page 2) will be one of the most helpful programs in the law.

"This is the one I'm very interested in," Devine says of the scholarships to expand teacher responsibilities. "To me this is a way to improve education and teacher skills."

He adds that the School Committee, in deciding which programs to adopt, "should take a very, very strong look" at professional development grants — a salary incentive program — as a way to improve teacher morale.

With careful planning, school improvement councils — agencies within schools to develop innovative programs — could also be successfully integrated into Arlington schools, Devine says.

He adds the town's relatively high per-pupil spending will nullify any benefit from the Equal Education Opportunity Grants section of the law, and since only six of the schools' 400 teachers are paid less than \$18,000, the minimum teacher salary provi-

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# Court Says No To ADL

## Cambridge Ban On Nerve Gas Testing Upheld

By TOM WHITE

Following a Supreme Judicial Court decision, Arthur D. Little Inc. has stopped testing deadly nerve gas on the Cambridge-Arlington-Belmont border.

The Aug. 1 Supreme Court ruling allows Cambridge officials to prohibit the company from testing, storing or transporting five nerve and blister agents inside city limits.

Now the company faces the problem of getting rid of the toxic substances, and was expected to develop a plan this week.

The Cambridge ban went into effect the day of the ruling, according to Cambridge City Manager Robert Healy. Arthur D. Little Inc. had been testing the five warfare agents for the Dept. of Defense (DOD) for almost two years.

In its 30-page decision, the court threw out arguments by ADL lawyers

that the ban is unreasonable, violates the company's rights and violates the U.S. Constitution.

One judge disagreed with the other judges, saying the court should have made sure the chemicals were dangerous before deciding whether Cambridge can ban them.

Whether Arthur D. Little Inc. (ADL) will appeal the ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court is not clear, according to company spokesman Alma Triner.

John T. O'Connor, leader of a group of Belmont, Arlington and Cambridge residents that has been fighting the ADL's nerve gas work, said he thinks the company will appeal the case.

Although the testing has been banned, the chemicals are still being stored on ADL property, Triner said. The company has contacted the Army to determine a way to get rid of

the chemicals.

Triner said removing the chemicals from ADL property could get bogged down in red tape because the Cambridge regulation bans transporting the chemicals, but destroying them is against the law because they are federal property.

Healy said he hopes ADL officials will come up with a plan for removing the chemicals sometime this week. He said he is not ready to set a deadline yet.

The Supreme Court ruling came after about a year and a half of complicated court arguments in which attorneys for Cambridge argued that a 1984 ban on ADL's testing is legal and lawyers for ADL argued that it is not. Cambridge Health Commissioner Melvin Chalfen issued the ban last spring because he thought the chemicals could be a hazardous if there was an accident at the lab.

ADL challenged Chalfen's regulation, and since then the case has made its way from Middlesex Superior Court, to the state Appeals Court, to the Supreme Judicial Court.

ADL has been testing nerve agents Soman-GD, Sarin-GB and VX and blister agents Mustard-HD and Lewisite to improve ways of detecting them in the environment, detoxifying them and protecting people from them. ADL officials have said the company earns a very small part of its total income from its testing for DOD.

An ADL press release dated Aug. 1 said company officials are "surprised and disappointed" by the court ruling. The release said "the company will, of course, abide by the terms of the decision."

"I'm pleased that this court has affirmed (not only the powers of Cambridge, but also) the powers of any

city (in the state) to protect the health or their city," Healy said Monday.

O'Connor, leader of the North Cambridge Toxic Alert Coalition (NCTAC), said the court decision was a major victory in NCTAC's campaign against the company's work. But he said ADL will probably appeal the decision so the campaign is not over. "We won the battle, but the war is not over," he said.

O'Connor also said the company's claim that DOD has to decide whether to appeal the decision is "pure hogwash." He said the company is using the Defense Dept. to appeal the decision.

A spokesman for the U.S. Army Lt. Col. David Burpee said officials from the Defense Dept. and the company will decide together whether to appeal the case or not. He did not know when a decision would be (Please see ADL, page 2)

## Only The Cars Were Hurt



Drivers exchange papers after a three-car accident Aug. 1 on Broadway at Marathon st. According to the police report, two Arlington men and a Billerica man were involved.

Two of the cars were towed. There were no injuries.

(Staff photo by Bill Haynes)

## Man Indicted For Attacks On Retarded

A 51-year-old Arlington Heights man faces charges he sexually assaulted three retarded adults over a two-month period this year in his Arlington home.

A Middlesex County grand jury last Thursday returned a seven-count indictment against Hugh Bell of 115 Rublee st. The District Attorney's Office spells his name as Belle.

Bell is charged with four counts of indecent assault and battery on a mentally retarded person and three

counts of sexual intercourse with a feeble-minded person. The combined charges carry a maximum sentence of 46 years.

Bell will appear for arraignment "probably in the next two weeks," according to Edward Rapacki, assistant district attorney assigned to the case. Rapacki said Bell will be tried in Superior Court.

Bell has not been arrested and will probably remain free throughout any trial, Rapacki said.

## All Hibbert St. Park Needs Is Kids

By ERIC BLOM

Hibbert Street Park patiently waits for children; neatly trimmed grass, a shining steel slide and rows of swings sit idle as the summer sun beats down.

Although few children have discovered the newly opened playground, it will soon be full of smiles and laughter say those who fought for its conversion from a vacant lot and basketball court.

After two years of effort, the Hibbert Street Park Assn. seems to have achieved its main objective: to keep rowdy youths away from the lot.

"It has bettered the neighborhood," says one Hibbert st. resident. "It is definitely an improvement."

The park association has been concerned for a number of years about loud youths who vandalized property in the area, and they asked that housing be placed on the town-owned lot.

However, when opposition became too intense, they agreed to the construction of a playground.

"With open space as limited as it is in the town, we were certainly not going to give it up without turning it into a park or some type of recreational facility," says Donald Vitters of the town Board of Park and Recreation Commissioners.

Still, the small size of the lot and its proximity to houses made the basketball court particularly inappropriate, he adds.

Balls flew from the court to strike houses and partying youths kept the neighbors awake. Families with younger children were uncomfortable about using the lot's grass area when the juveniles were there.

"You couldn't fit all the big kids

and little kids in there and expect them to survive," Vitters says.

"A park that small has to have a passive use and be used by mothers and children in the neighborhood," he adds, noting picnics will be better than basketball on the lot.

"It is very appropriate for this neighborhood," Vitters says.

Playground construction began in February when the Dept. of Public Works began taking down fences. The

basketball court was removed in March, and a landscaping firm planted shrubs and laid cedar chips in the spring.

The park opened June 27.

The town used \$50,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to complete the transformation,

says Christine McKay of the Town Manager's Office.

It is one of two or three "passive" recreation areas in the town, she adds.



Formerly a lot with basketball hoops, the new Hibbert st. playground is now open.

(Staff photo by Eric Blom)

## Arlingtonians Help Weave Peace Ribbon

By WILLIAM B. HAYNES

Under the low light of a dim night lamp, while the children were fast asleep, they worked.

On a shady porch away from the summer heat, and under blankets in the heart of winter's chill, their fingers artfully wove.

Around the house, when life's daily tasks have been successfully completed, women from around the country sewed the threads for peace.

Last weekend, the fruits of three and a half years of labor were colorfully displayed in a 15-mile long ribbon, made up of 18-inch by 36-inch segments.

This ribbon encircled the Pentagon, the White House, and the Capitol, and represented a memorial to Hiroshima, which was decimated 40 years ago to usher in the nuclear age.

Although newspaper estimates marked the number of people at the Aug. 4 rally at 10,000, Nancy Crasco, the past president of the Arlington Quilting Club Quilters Connection, said the figure was closer to 25,000.

Twenty Arlingtonians sent their piece of the ribbon, but not all attended the rally.

Crasco first heard about the Ribbon Project through an article in a trade magazine for quilters. After she read about it, she made an announcement concerning the Ribbon at the Quilters Connection, which claims 250 members.

"I believe in peace, and I knew that quilting was the best way for me personally to express my commit-

ment to peace," Crasco says. In addition to quilting for peace, Crasco teaches in junior high about nuclear issues.

"We have to work through education and children. They adopt the hang-ups of their parents, so we have to teach them to be more broad minded."

"Most people wouldn't hurt one person, but there is a danger when groups of people are given a simple stereotyped label such as 'good' or 'bad,'" Crasco says. "This was a real grass roots movement that began with one individual and spread from person to person."

The movement celebrated families, individuality and life. Louise Ardito of Arlington created a segment out of a table cloth from 1947 — a year that signalled the dawn of the atomic age. She named the piece after a large basket of fruit printed on the cloth: The Fruits of Life's Labor.

"It's a frightening issue to a lot of

people," Ardito explains. "I'm glad I did it. I will feel good as a person if someone enjoys it for just a moment."

"My piece went to the Soviet Union," says Crasco. "A woman I met at the State House knew a scientist who was going to the Soviet Union for a scientific convention. The scientist took my quilt to the convention to show what Americans were doing for peace."

"I was told that I should expect never to see my piece again. That would be OK. My only hope is that my ribbon will be seen by someone in Russia and they'll send me a letter one day."

Crasco's quilt was of a landscape with trees. In the branches of the trees were the names of people who influenced her life in some way.

Fritzy Galley, an Arlington weaver, made a piece that was recently photographed and printed in the book "The Ribbon: A Celebration of Life," along with segments by (Please see RIBBON, page 2)





The Arlington Council on Alcohol Education will purchase the highly acclaimed film "Epidemic! Kids, Drugs and Alcohol" with \$500 recently received from the Kiwanis Club of Arlington. Above, Kiwanis past president Roy Baker (left) and First Vice President Walter Fram make the donation to Elizabeth Oppedisano, executive director of the alcohol education council. The council will make the film — originally a prime time television documentary — available to young people and adults in the community. The film explores the reasons behind the prevalent use of drugs, with a sharp focus on the influence of the media, music and peers. It presents new medical information about the damaging effects of drugs, alcohol including the so-called "harmless" drug, marijuana. Local churches and other organizations are encouraged to call the council office at 646-1000, ext. 4508, if they are interested in the program.

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## ★ Schools

sion should not be sought by the town. He says salary issues are better resolved by negotiation with the teachers' union.

A recent press release from the Mass. Teachers' Association says the law's salary provisions fall far short of what is needed to attract more quality people to education. The state's average teachers' salary is \$14,500.

Bill sponsors and other concerned officials says the law does not address all of education's needs, but it shows promise for the future.

In the interim, schools will benefit from this compromise measure, Devine says.

## The New

### Education Bill

The education bill Governor Michael S. Dukakis signed into law July 23 is a "two year compromise measure" designed to meet needs throughout the state, according to one local educator.

The law — formally titled an act "improving the public schools of the commonwealth" — will help economically disadvantaged school systems more than ones such as Arlington.

(For an analysis of the law's local impact, please see companion article.)

The key sections of the bill are as follows:

- Equal Education Opportunity Grants — This measure provides \$25 million in 1986 and \$50 million in 1987 for school districts currently spending less than \$2,210 per pupil each year.
- Minimum Teacher's Salaries — Schools that agree to pay all teachers hired after July 1, 1985 a minimum annual salary of \$18,000 would receive grants through 1987 to cover costs of raising salaries to the minimum.
- Salary Enhancements — Grants will be made to school districts which chose to raise all teachers' salaries by \$650 in 1986 and \$450 in 1987.
- Horace Mann Teachers — Up to six percent of the teachers in each school district could receive a grant of up to

\$2500 to assume expanded responsibilities. Grant recipients would be chosen by local School Committees. •School Improvement Councils/Funds — Councils based in each school and composed of a principal, teachers, parents, a student and a School Committee member.

The councils would be given annual allocations of \$10 per student for each school to be used for new and innovative programs.

Other programs include testing programs to evaluate and compare school systems throughout the state and compensatory plans for low-income school districts.

Arlington State Sen. Richard Kraus says he expects the bill will be extended in future years to make it more than the two-year measure it is today.

## Vanpool To Lowell Has Seats Open

A Caravan vanpool from Boston/Cambridge has seats available for commuters traveling to Chelmsford and Lowell. The vanpool arrives in Lowell at 8:30 a.m. and departs at 5:30 p.m.

Commuters interested in joining this vanpool can contact Caravan at 973-7189 in Boston. Caravan is a non-profit corporation which works with Massachusetts communities and corporations to organize commuter ridesharing to work. In addition to its carpool and vanpool matching service, Caravan also offers, at no charge, information about other public and private transportation alternatives.

## Christ under 5 feet?

Scientists say the most primitive people probably were only about 3 feet tall. Historians believe Christ was shorter than 5 feet tall. Medieval knights were only 5 feet, the average minuteman in the American Revolution about 5 feet 4 inches. World War I doughboys 5 feet 7½ inches and World War II GIs 5 feet 8½ inches.

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## ★ ADL

reached.

The legal arguments leading to the court's decision revolved around whether the Cambridge ban is reasonable, whether it conflicts with other laws and whether it violates a clause of the U.S. Constitution.

ADL attorney Thomas Bracken had argued that banning the testing would hinder national defense work related to nerve gas and so violate the "Supremacy Clause" of the U.S. Constitution.

But the Supreme Court said there is no evidence showing the Cambridge ban will conflict with Defense Dept. nerve gas work. "The DOD remains free to conduct its research elsewhere," the court said.

Bracken had also argued that if Cambridge bans the testing, other communities will prohibit it as well, but the court said that "scenario... is far too hypothetical."

## ★ Ribbon

other area residents, including Nancy Crasco and Elize Everard.

The National Ribbon Project was the brainchild of Justine Merritt, a Colorado grandmother, who over three years ago had a religious call to work for peace.

As a child, Merritt used to tie a bow around her finger to remember things. She decided to expand upon the symbolic reminder of a ribbon. The enlarged ribbon would encircle not her pinky, but the seat of U.S. policy making, Capitol Hill.

This international event, estimated to have included 60,000 panels, blossomed from a request to 40 of Merritt's friends on her 1981 Christmas card list into an effort by thousands of people world-wide.

Merritt asked her friends to rally for peace by quilting on the theme: "What I cannot bear to think of as lost in a nuclear war."

Everard of Arlington explains how

Bracken had argued that Congress has exclusive powers over whether nerve gas can be tested in a community. But the court said a community like Cambridge has the right to ban the testing if it does not directly conflict with the defense program.

Bracken had argued that a hearing should have been held to determine the danger of ADL's testing before Cambridge banned it. He said ADL's rights were violated because a hearing was not held.

But the court disagreed, saying the Cambridge Health Commissioner, Melvin Chalfen, can issue a ban on the testing if he thinks it is a health hazard.

A scientific report on the health risks of ADL's testing said if there was an accident at the lab several hundred people could be exposed to the chemicals.

ADL officials have disputed that study, saying it is poorly researched.

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she chose what the design her quilt would take: "There are many things which I can't bear to see lost, but especially our friends, friendships and warm relationships. So, it was not easy to make a picture of all our friends."

"I wanted all my family to take part, so we decided to do a landscape and put buttons all over the landscape. We asked all our friends to give us a button. We wanted them all to be on our piece, and a button from their clothes is very personal."

"I got involved because it was a wide project, not a partisan project and because many women were involved," Everard adds. "Women are usually at home and can't make much pressure on the political system to change things. When I'm at home and alone and think I don't want war I can't say anything, this is a way to speak."

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## Permanent Remembrance



In honor of the town's 350th anniversary, resident Arthur A. Maranian Sr. last month presented Selectmen with a photograph he took on March 18 — when Gov. Michael Dukakis visited the town to help open Town Meeting and the trisecular centennial year. Above are Elsie Fiore, who appears in the photograph dressed as Squaw Sachem, Selectmen Chairman Robert Havern (center) and Arthur Maranian.

## Fire Overtime Budget Draining

Five weeks into the fiscal year, over 36 percent of the Fire Dept. overtime budget has been spent, Town Manager Donald Marquis told Selectmen Monday.

The fund is used to pay firefighters for extra shifts to replace sick or absent staff. Fire and police officials spend overtime funds when personnel on a shift drops below what is considered safe minimum staffing.

Roughly \$50,000 was in the budget at the start of the fiscal year, July 1. About \$19,000 has been spent since then.

"At the rate we're going, we'll spend a quarter of a million dollars on overtime," Marquis said. "Unless someone watches this carefully, we're going to be in trouble."

"There are several reasons why this is happening," Marquis told The Advocate. "People go out on sick leave, on line-of-duty injuries; people take personal days."

Summertime makes the problem worse. "People are out on vacation," the manager said.

In addition, the department has had some staffing problems. Firefighters have been filling in for two dispatchers who recently quit, Marquis said. New dispatchers have

been hired, but the problem will tie up firefighters for about three more weeks, until the dispatchers are trained, the manager said.

With the death last week of Robert Krepelka, Fire Services is five firefighters short of the staff level set by Town Meeting. This forces officials to hire firefighters on overtime for occasional shifts.

The manager said he was meeting Tuesday with several firefighter candidates. Two will be hired in the next few weeks. Three will be on board by October, Marquis said.

Salary that would have gone to the three positions open until October will instead to cover benefits for recently retired firefighters, the manager said.

Marquis said he did not know if funds would have to be transferred to the fire overtime budget later in the year.

"I would not recommend that because I do not believe in it," he said. "We're spending enough in overtime right now."

Asked what would happen if funds ran out, he said: "Then we'll have to look at it. As far as I'm concerned, we don't have the money to transfer for overtime now. That's why we're

policing it now.

"We are going to have to monitor this day to day to make sure we don't spend more on overtime than we have to," Marquis said.

## Ramsdell Ct. Is Fire Lane

Ramsdell ct., which runs into Mass. ave. several blocks west of Arlington Center, will become a fire lane.

Fire Services Director Robert Casey approved the change; Selectmen voted it into effect Monday.

If a car were parked in this court for even a short period it would prevent fire apparatus from gaining access to properties," Casey wrote to the board.

## Water Conservation

Each American uses more than 60 gallons of water a day, and over 20,000 gallons a year, according to the Metropolitan District Commission.

## Manager's Ballot Question Again Turned Down

Selectmen for the second time voted not to support Town Manager Donald Marquis' proposed ballot question to mandate more state aid to cities and towns.

Though some board members said he referendum would send a signal to Beacon Hill that the town does not receive enough state aid and is frustrated, Selectmen voted 5 to 0 Monday against the referendum.

In past weeks, Arlington Sen. Richard Kraus — recently appointed head of a Local Aid Commission — told Selectmen he would receive no support from legislators in revamping local aid formulas if the town pushed Marquis' referendum for the 1986 state ballot.

Kraus' constituent aide, Paul Regan, on Monday repeated Kraus' position to Selectmen.

"This will hurt Arlington," said Selectman Charles Lyons. "It doesn't make political sense."

"A number of wealthy communities that don't need more money will benefit by this," Lyons added.

"It's true this is going to give money to some towns that don't need it," Marquis conceded.

"It's obvious we're not going to get money unless we take things into our own hands," the manager said.

The manager's question would have required the state to send 50 percent of growth taxes to cities and towns. Some 80 percent of the aid would be distributed according to population, the rest according to other

## formulas

Selectman Janemarie Hillier asked if the board would support an amended or different referendum.

"One person would have to work on this full time, and that's me," the manager responded. "And I won't push a petition I don't believe in."

## Pond Swimmers Discussed

The town manager will look into the issue of people swimming in Spy Pond despite the no swimming signs.

The issue was brought up by resident Flora Haas. Selectmen voted Monday to refer the matter to the manager.

"The sign that states that swimming and wading are not permitted at any time might as well be written in Sanscrit — including the word 'danger' — for all it is observed," Haas wrote to Selectmen.

Haas told Selectmen Monday that the town might be sued if any accident occurs at the pond and that the bathers' cars choke the Linwood st. area.

She said that police do not enforce the no swimming policy.

Selectmen thanked Haas for bringing the matter to their attention.

"I am particularly sensitive to the litigation we are exposing ourselves to by this," Selectman Robert Walsh said.

"We don't treat the pond for weeds, so it is a dangerous situation," Selectman Robert Havern said. "We can probably guess which days are more conducive to swimming and arrange for police patrols."

## Jason St. Called Dangerous

Residents of Jason and Gray sts. presented Selectmen a petition Monday stating they feared for their safety from cars speeding and ignoring traffic signs in the area.

Twenty-eight families signed the petition, which suggested some remedies for the situation.

"Those who live in the area have noticed a number of accidents around the corner of Jason and Gray and want something done about it," Debbie Kreisler told the board.

Selectmen said they would ask that trees be trimmed for better visibility in the area, that police conduct more speed checks and that police do a traffic count in the area.

Selectmen said they had suggested a traffic light be put on Jason st. but that the state had turned it down.

"Can we think about things like changing the traffic patterns?" asked Al Stevens of Jason st. "Many of these are band-aids on a larger problem."

Stevens suggested making Jason st. one way or cutting its access to Route 2.

Other residents said they feared children might be hurt because two school bus stops are located on Jason st.

Selectmen said Planning Dept. and Community Safety officials would consider residents' suggestions.

## Joint Occupancy Lease OK'd

Selectmen voted for the town manager to sign a lease allowing Newbury Junior College to rent space in Arlington High School.

The junior college will use the high school two nights a week on evenings that the adult education program does not operate.

Newbury will pay \$19,000 rent per year plus custodial expenses under the three-year lease.

In addition, the school will offer about \$8,000 in scholarships to town residents.

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# Police Arrest 7 Last Week

On Saturday an 11-year-old boy told police he was assaulted behind the Atlantic Roofing Co., 30 Park ave., by a man he described as in his 30s, about 6-feet, 1-inch tall, with a deep voice and curly hair.

The man was reported to have yelled to the boy to come to him, and when he would not, a scuffle ensued in which the youth suffered a scraped shoulder, according to the police report. Police said there was a 14-year-old witness to the incident, but a police search did not find the suspect.

## Arrests

On Sunday afternoon John P. Murphy, 20, of 51 Cedar st., Cambridge, was charged with assault by means of a dangerous weapon (screwdriver), possession of burglarious tools, breaking and entering a motor vehicle and receiving stolen property (a bike).

Police said a Magnolia st. Volkswagen owner saw a man in his car which was parked in an open garage. When confronted the man rode away on a bicycle toward Cambridge. Police arrested Murphy on Herbert st.

A 20-year-old Haverhill man was arrested July 30 and charged with unarmed assault with intent to rob after a 6 p.m. incident in the Pond lane, Whittemore st. bridge area.

Douglas B. Pouleau of 17 Warren st. was charged with attacking a man from Virginia who ran to the Boys and Girls Club to call for help.

Pouleau was arrested in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. As a result of their investigation police will seek charges against five Arlington juveniles who were also involved in the incident.

An early-morning party Saturday in the Fremont ct. Gardner st. area led to the arrest of a 19-year-old resident for violation of the town bylaw against public drinking and being disorderly and an 18-year-old for being a minor transporting alcoholic beverages.

In addition a 19- and 20-year-old were taken into protective custody for drinking. A 21-year-old resident was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol and operating without headlights on Broadway at North Union st.

A 15-year-old Roxbury boy was arrested at Mass. ave. and Marathon st. for being a delinquent child. Police said he was operating a Suzuki motorcycle without a license, with an

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## Police Log

altered vehicle identification number, and was operating an unregistered vehicle and operating without a registration plate.

A 22-year-old Woburn man was arrested early Sunday morning and charged with operating under the influence of alcohol.

His car collided with that of a Cambridge resident at Mass. ave. and Cleveland rd. The operator of the second car was treated for bleeding and a sore neck.

A Belmont man was arrested on Pleasant st. the same day and charged with speeding, driving under the influence and failure to keep right.

## Housebreaks

A house on Daniels st. was broken into Sunday after a window was broken. Nothing was reported missing.

The School for Children on Winter st. also reported a break on Sunday.

## Thefts

An employee of D'Agostino's told police that two white males in their late teens entered the store July 30 on the pretext of getting water for their dog. After they left an undetermined amount of money was found missing from the lottery game register.

On Aug. 1, a Honda motorcycle that was reported missing from Swan place was found in Spy Pond.

A man's bike was stolen Aug. 1 from a Bartlett ave. residence. On the same date another bike, a \$600 Fuji,

was reported stolen from Paul Revere rd.

A bike valued at \$275 was taken from a Broadway home on Aug. 4. On Aug. 6, a 26-inch Huffy bike valued at \$150 was stolen from a Richfield rd. garage.

## Carbreaks

On Aug. 1, a stereo valued at \$400 was taken from a Pontiac parked on Cornell rd.

A Jeep and a pick-up truck on Mass. ave. were broken into on Aug. 2. It was not immediately known what was missing.

A motor vehicle parked on School st. was broken into and a stereo and a cassette were taken on Aug. 3.

Thieves took a Nikon camera, a flash, a lens and film valued at \$575 taken from a car parked on Robbins rd. Aug. 4.

A bill of sale, title and a computer game were taken from an unlocked car parked on Mass. ave. Aug. 5.

## Vandalism

A car parked in the Symmes Hospital parking lot was vandalized on Aug. 3.

Three beehives valued between \$500 and \$1,000 were damaged sometime between midnight and 10 a.m. on Aug. 4. The hives were sprayed with household detergent which killed many of the bees.

A fence was damaged on Arnold st. Aug. 4, and a glass window was broken on Everett st.

# Planning Helped The Town Survive Rains

Arlington was a dry town last Thursday — and not just in the alcoholic sense.

To the surprise and delight of town officials, the town experienced no flooding despite 4 1/2 inches of rain falling as fast as an inch an hour. We're really pleased and proud," said Public Works Dept. Director Richard Bowler the day after, when many communities were still wading through emergency situations.

It wasn't too many years ago when the town had to put as many workers out to fight flooding as it did fallen snow. Water would pour along the railroad tracks, flood Forest st., overflow the Reservoir, go over the banks of Mill Brook, flood the side streets off Pleasant st., Magnolia Field and Mystic st. and many other locations.

By contrast, one man was called in during the early hours Thursday morning. He stayed at the Town Yard and all he had to do was clean logs and carts out of Mill Brook where a trap catches debris before the brook runs behind the high school.

What has made the difference, says Bowler, is the town's expenditure to improve the storm drain system. As much as \$30,000 to \$35,000 a year was appropriated to upgrade

the system. Much of the work was done during the winters when other DPW work was slow. Crews cleaned catch basins and converted storm drain openings from two to four feet.

The last big projects were new drains from the Somerville line to the North Union st. area on Broadway and on Pleasant st. where \$200,000 was spent to improve drainage while the street was being reconstructed.

Bowler says that drainage work doesn't get much attention, partly because it is underground, but the work is important. "It paid off," he says.

The most serious problems last week were a sewage backup on Devereaux st. and some flooded basements. The Fire Services Division responded with its pumps to several homes.

Mike Wright, director of the town's Dept. of Properties and Natural Resources, was relieved when schools were checked Thursday morning to find that the basements were dry and the roofs did not leak.

He says that because the rain fell straight and was not blown by heavy winds there were no roof leaks. More tree branches came down in a storm the previous Friday says Wright.

## Make It Click



In connection with the statewide "Make It Click" campaign, the Arlington Kiwanis Club has donated signs to the town reminding motorists to buckle up when driving. The town has posted 10 of the signs at different entrances to Arlington. The "critical days" between Memorial Day and Labor Day are a crucial time to remind drivers to fasten their seatbelts. Safety Officer David McKenna says, as most traffic accidents occur in the state during that period. Above are (from left) Officer McKenna, Selectman Chairman Robert Havern and Kiwanis's Second Vice President Philip Canniff.

## Firms encourage early retirement

A strong trend toward early retirement is continuing across the nation, according to a recent study of 363 companies. The study shows that the vast majority of firms are encourag-

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## Residents Discuss Toxic Waste

BY SUSAN J. McCULLEY

A lobbying group working to clean up hazardous waste, about 30 Belmont and Arlington residents and a state representative jammed a stuffy Selectmen's office to discuss poisonous chemicals, a bill to clean them up, and problems with that bill.

The group found that cleaning up of hazardous waste in Massachusetts cannot be done overnight.

The meeting was called Thursday by the lobby group, MassPIRG (Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group). Members estimated there are 1,000 potentially hazardous waste sites in Massachusetts, including ones in Cambridge, Waltham and Newton.

Those sites may contain dangerous chemicals that could leak into water supplies, MassPIRG officials said.

Since last year, MassPIRG has been lobbying the state legislature to pass a \$1 billion bill to clean up those sites. At Thursday's meeting, MassPIRG members said the dangers of hazardous waste have been ignored for years and a clean-up program should start immediately.

Belmont and Arlington residents and Assistant House Majority Whip Mary Jane Gibson agreed.

Gibson, Belmont's and East Arlington's state representative, said hazardous waste needs to be cleaned up, but because MassPIRG's bill is

expensive the state may not pass it without some changes. "Hazardous waste" is an extremely difficult issue," she said.

Most of the residents at the hearing were worried about chemicals leaking into their water.

Tom Lucci of Arlington, a member of MassPIRG, said underground sources of water are important for both drinking water and industry use.

Director of the Public Interest Lobby, Margie Alt said the group developed a four-point bill to fight the problem and wants the legislature to pass it. The first point, a penalty for illegal dumping, was signed into law by Gov. Michael Dukakis two months ago.

The second point, the 1-5-10 Emergency Clean-Up Bill "sets a time line for dealing with the hazardous waste problem," Alt said. The final two points of the platform include plans for victim's compensation and reducing waste production.

The 1-5-10 bill is what MassPIRG is lobbying for now. Katie Moody, a staff member of MassPIRG, told the group, "We haven't been taking precautions" in the past because people had "no idea of the threat they pose to the environment."

Moody said the 1-5-10 bill would require that within one year all dump sites be found and examined for safety threats. Within five years, those sites would have to be contained, and

in 10 years, they would be required to be permanently cleaned.

"It's going to cost a lot of money to clean up toxic waste in Massachusetts, but what choice do we have?" Alt said.

Dangerous chemicals should be cleaned up immediately, according to MassPIRG, but it is not that easy.

Gibson, who said cleaning up waste sites is necessary, pointed out some problems with the MassPIRG bill. She said setting a strict clean-up schedule may be difficult because some chemicals take longer to clean up than others.

Gibson also said the state cannot fund a \$1 billion clean-up program and keep taxes down at the same time.

"The same people who want you to spend a billion dollars on the cleaning up of hazardous waste also want you to put a lid on state spending and you can't do both," Gibson said. She also said there are many other programs that need funding and legislators cannot support all of them.

But Gibson said she supports MassPIRG's bill. She said she thinks the bill will pass in the House but added, "I don't think it will be 1-5-10. It will take a little longer" and be "a little softer." Gibson said the chairman of the legislature's Natural Resources Committee is redrafting the bill. Gibson said the chairman is "sensitive" to the issue.



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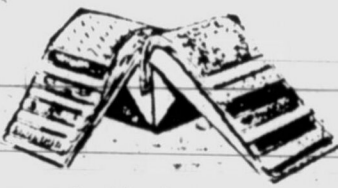
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Faustina Hall's scrapbooks will be sent to Children's Hospital in Boston and to a speech pathologist in Canada who will use them to help children with their speech. (Staff photo by Eric Blom)

# Cards Are Her Calling

BY ERIC BLUM  
Faustina Hall, 95, caresses a scrapbook page and taps three times on a white kitten.  
"This is one that I prize," she says of the greeting card picture.  
For the last seven months, eight or nine hours a day, she has worked on scrapbooks for children.  
"I loved it," she says of the work. "I wasn't doing it from compulsion."  
Hall has made 15 scrapbooks of greeting cards people sent her and cards received by staff at the Park Avenue Nursing, Convalescent and Retirement Home.  
No two cards are the same in her thick volumes.  
The first few of these books went to the staff's children, but now some are being sent to the Children's Hospital Medical Center in Boston.  
One will be mailed to Canada for

a speech pathologist to use in helping youngsters talk.  
"I thought it would be a very nice thing to do for children who can't read," Hall said.  
In the past, she has done hand-work and given socks, scarves, stationery and other items to the staff's children, but failing eyesight has made the work impossible for her.  
Although she can still play the piano at meal-times for residents, detailed hand-work is beyond her abilities today. When she realized this, Hall turned her energies toward making books.  
It is part of a lifelong history of helping people despite physical limitations that slowed her down.  
As a teenager, Hall wanted to travel to Africa and work as a missionary, but she was not healthy

enough to do so. Instead, she taught English to immigrant children — Greeks and Armenians for the most part — in Lowell.  
"I thought that if the Lord would send people here to me, I'd do for them," she says of her volunteer work.  
Hall served as president of the resident council at the nursing home for eight years, was the official greeter at the home, delivered mail and was crowned Ms. Nursing Home 1976 in a state competition.  
In the past, she also helped people with poor eyesight read their mail.  
The books will be delivered to the Children's Hospital by Hall's daughter within a few weeks.  
Hall, a widow, has two daughters, four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

# Town Hosts Japanese Visitors

Arlington residents have welcomed a group of Japanese visitors who arrived Monday. They will stay 10 days in Arlington, experiencing American family life.  
The group of 22 students is being sponsored by Arlington Youth Visit Exchange Program, a nonprofit organization which welcomes a delegation from Japan every summer and enables Arlington residents to travel to Japan.  
In addition to exploring Arlington and the Boston area, this year's delegation will share their culture with Arlington residents by hosting Japan Night at the Town Hall on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.  
The delegation recently toured Arlington with Philip Haggard of the Arlington Historical Society. Later they enjoyed a leisurely afternoon of swimming at the reservoir.  
They also travelled to Sandwich to explore Heritage Plantation and to learn about Sandwich's glass making history. They also got a chance to experience the ocean waters off Cape Cod.  
The group will tour Harvard University and explore Harvard Square. They will venture into Boston's Copley Square to view the city skyline from the John Hancock Observatory and will shop at Copley Place.  
On Friday they will travel to Newport to visit the "summer cottages," tour the city, cruise Newport Harbor and shop along the waterfront. The weekend will be free.  
Next Monday, the delegation will visit with Gov. Michael Dukakis and tour the State House. They will walk the Freedom Trail and stop at Quincy Market to eat and shop. The next day they will go to Lowell's National Historic Park to learn of Massachusetts' first industrial city.  
The leader of the delegation is Ryuko Shinzaki, who will be staying with Mr. and Mrs. David Seeley of Hillside ave. Shinzaki is a literature student at Kobe University.  
Robert Maher and Catherine Chambers of Paul Revere rd. are hosting Junko Sudo, a high school student. Momoko Tahara is staying with the Staples family of Arlington rd., and Minako Hattori is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Horn of Cleveland st.  
Emiko Miyaka, a children's education major at Tokyo Kasei University, is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Neil Wetherbee of Orvis rd. Miki Hanashima, a human science major at Bunkyo University, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wentzel of Coolidge rd. and Chikako Honta, an English major at Tokyo Kougakuin College, is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Mezer of Ridge st.  
Also visiting is Akiko Ebisawa, an English literature major at Meiji Gakuin University, who is being hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Gregory Cascino. Yasumi Tanaka, enrolled at Nagoya University, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Feinberg of Waverly st. and Hiroe Sakurada, an education major at Tamagawa University, is staying with Mr. and Mrs. David Seeley of Hillside ave.  
Kazuo Obara, a biology major at Hokkaido University, and Tamami Arahata, a history major at the University of the Sacred Heart, are

staying with Mr. and Mrs. Taglieri of Brand st.  
Takahiro Doi, a high school student, and Norihiro Sueyoshi, a teacher, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lasnik of Swan place. Yoji Mizuno, an economics student at Teikyo University, is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Keshian of Falmouth rd. west.  
Seiji Ueda, a physical education major at the Graduate School of Tsukuba, and Hiromu Nakatsuka are staying with Lori Meltzer and Morris Keenan of Surry rd. Naoki Kajihara, a student at Chukyo University, and Toru Okimoto, an engineering student at Waseda University, are the guests of the Roche family of Silk st.  
Koichiro Fujita, a medical student, is staying with Mr. Duboff of Gardner st. Yoshimasa Fujisaki, a civil engineering student, and Nobufumi Ikeda, a clerk, are being hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Falcone of Pamela dr.

# Hearings Will Consider Rest Home Care

A public hearing next month in Lexington is one of eight to be held by the state Executive Office of Elder Affairs to assess the quality of care for nursing and rest home residents.  
The hearing will be on Sept. 13, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at East Village Nursing Home, 140 Emerson Garden rd. Other hearings will be held in Plymouth, Lawrence, Mattapan, Wrentham and other towns.  
"I encourage all interested parties to testify at the regional hearings," said Elder Affairs Secretary Richard Rowland, who will participate in the hearings. "I hope to hear remarks from nursing and rest home residents, aging network personnel, industry representatives, legislators, local officials and others."  
Testimony from the hearings will be included in the Elder Affairs Ombudsman Report on Long Term Care facilities presented to Gov. Michael Dukakis and the legislature.  
The Executive Office of Elder Affairs will accept written testimony until Oct. 15. Testimony should be sent to the attention of the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, Executive Office of Elder Affairs, 38 Chauncy st., Boston 02111.

## The Arlington Advocate **Grads** *B.U. Grads*

Boston University has released the final list of its 1985 graduates. Among the 4561 graduates were 50 Arlington residents.  
Receiving degrees were Cheryl Ann Behan, M.B.A. in business administration and management; Maria M. Bonaventura, M.S.W. in social work; Victoria Cross Boorman, E.D.D. in ed media and technology; Barbara Ann Brzostowski, M.S. in broadcasting; Judith Ann Cohen, M.P.H. in public health.  
Lisa Silva Correia, B.S.-B.A. in business administration and management; Rachel Crystal, E.D.D. in humanistic education-human service; Leo Cushing, L.L.M. in graduate taxation; Christina Sevasty Darris, B.S.-B.A. in business administration and management; Cynthia Jaye Demopoulos, B.S. in communication-general.  
Also, Sharon Marie Desmond, B.S. in broadcasting and film; Thomas Patrick Dunphy, M.B.A. in business administration and management, honors; Suzanne Marie Eagan, B.S. in humanistic education - human service; Kathleen Marion Fink, M.B.A. in business administration and management, high honors.  
Kyriaki A. Fitzgerald, Ph.D. in pastoral psychology; Alice R. Freeman, M.B.A. in health care management; Ellen-Claire Friedman, M.S.W. in social work; Maryanne Gennis, B.S. in mathematical education; James Donald Geraghty, M.B.A. in business administration and management; Beth Barbara Gurney, E.D.M. in special education.  
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Shelley Robin Schussheim, M.B.A. in business administration and management; Sean Sheerin, B.A. in English, cum laude; Wendell Alanson Smith, M.S. in computer science; Stephen Robert Spengler, M.B.A. in business administration and management.

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# Comment

## Man About Town

We heard of a nice experience with bureaucracy the other day — only it wasn't in Massachusetts — the U.S. Someone called Canadian Customs in Ottawa. The woman who answered listened to the question and said she would have the proper person return the call in order to save the person long distance charges. The call was returned in less than five minutes. Anyone who has tried to find the right person in some of our State House offices knows he would have been on the phone being shuffled around for hours.

More complaints about bikes have been heard. Besides the cyclists who ride with no fear, or sense, cutting in front of cars, there are complaints about the cyclists who think the traffic laws are meant for motorized vehicles and not for them. Many bike riders pedal through red lights and ignore pedestrian crosswalks. At least most of their auto driving counterparts stop at the lights. Mass. ave. at Pleasant is still bad — both for bikes ignoring the red lights and drivers ignoring the right-turn signal.

The Mass. Assn. of Conservation Commissions has published a Green Pages directory of environmental services and products, including those such as aerial photography, recycling and wetlands mapping. Anyone interested in a copy can send a \$5 check made out to the association to Lincoln Filene Center, Tufts University, Medford 02155. At the same time you might want to send \$15 and become a member of the association — it's tax deductible.

The Baltimore Sun newspaper recently ran a column (reprinted in The Globe) expressing relief that Moxie will not be changing its taste. The 100-year-old drink, which was originally sold as a nerve tonic, still has bottlers and drinkers in New England.

Arlingtonians should be glad no one tampered with Moxie back in its heyday. It is thanks to Francis Thompson, owner of the company, and his wife, former residents of Pleasant St., that so many local students have received scholarship help. They left the town hundreds of thousands of dollars for Thompson Scholarships, which are awarded annually at Arlington High School.

A lot of changes are brewing in the cable TV industry due in part to federal court decisions which appear to say that government should keep hands off cable operations, just as government in this country does not interfere with operation of newspapers. Among the locally-imposed regulations which cable owners around the country have been challenging are local access channels, limits on fees and exclusive franchises.

If the U.S. Supreme Court gets involved and decides that cable owners have the same editorial freedom as newspaper owners, cable operations in Arlington and a lot of other places could change as owners cancel little-watched local channels in favor of popular offerings.

Column By Terry Marotta

## True Athletes Overcome All Odds

When I was in high school, we used to pass a man on the way to the bus, who stood in the same place every day, and in the same attitude.

His body was twisted, by a malicious trick of nature, to such a degree that his entire head faced around backwards, 180 degrees nearly, like an owl's. One arm stood out rigidly in front of him, and the other hung down behind, beneath his ruined leaning face.

He looked, save for his general state of emaciation, like an Olympic athlete competing in the discus event.

We called him the Discus Thrower to ourselves, in fact, we who passed by him each day, armored in our youth and indifference. We were studying Latin and History and the ancient curlicues of geometry.

We thought we were pretty sharp. I guess, coming up with a classical reference like this for the man. We thought we were pretty swell, even

knowing about that famous statue, carved so long ago by a Greek sculptor.

We were — what? — 15 or 16, maybe, doing our homework on the phone, growing two inches every summer, and greedily drinking in the pervasive high-school fiction that happiness was guaranteed — that each passing year would bring us better parties, darker tans, and fresher faces into contact with our own.

This man's burden was nothing to us. We were young. We were rosy. We were immune. A lot as harsh and gods-cursed as his would never be ours, we reasoned. We wore madras shirts, after all, and carried our books on our hips with a studied indifference.

But all this was 20 years ago now. I was reminded of it suddenly, almost blingingly, in an ice cream shop today when I saw another man

very much like the Discus Thrower of my past.

His arms behaved themselves, unlike the other's, and hung straight down from his meagre shoulders. His body faced in the right direction too. But his head had been turned on its side, so that one ear listened to the floor while the other scanned the skies like a radar dish in search of distant space music.

His jaw was held high in the air, at a greater elevation, if this were possible, than his forehead. He resembled a very agile actor, demonstrating the classic pantomime of sleep, except that his hands weren't placed palm-to-palm beneath that horizontal jawline. They roamed free, trembling continuously, as his head trembled, in a ballet of ceaseless agitation.

This man had come here as the rest of us had done, for refreshment

and a pause in the day's activities. He had a sandwich, and a cup of coffee. He even smoked a cigarette somehow, directing all these things painstakingly toward the moving target of his mouth.

I watched him as I sat. His back was toward me and he faced the door. I saw nothing of what may have passed across his face. But I did see what passed across the faces of the other customers just entering.

Their eyes were drawn at first to all the wobbling going on at his booth, but scarcely before they'd had a chance to light on him, they performed a kind of visual hiccup, then scuttled away fast in search of something else — anything else — to light on.

Nobody in the place stared, nobody registered shock or horror, nobody erupted into nervous grimaces, not even the children. One old gent who ten minutes earlier had

revealed his age to the waitress as '92, caught my eye, nodded significantly toward the man and shook his head. "Go figure it," his expression seemed to say.

As for me, I just watched him — watched him as he made his valiant way through his meal. And ashamed now finally, I thought about the other of whom he so sharply reminded me.

We were wrong on several counts, we children of 20 years ago: nothing stays the same; nothing is guaranteed. Change had risen to teach us that, and had purged us, too, of our youthful complacency.

I shook my head, as speechless as my aged companion.

And the object of our gaze rose, meanwhile, conducted his shuffling disoriented body out the door, and proceeded down the street with all the poise and composure and dignity of any classical athlete.

The Arlington Advocate

## Letters To The Editor

### Jason St. Is A Look Into The Early 1900s

TO THE EDITOR:

As a resident of Jason St., I was gratified to note your front page coverage of a proposal to include our neighborhood in an historic district.

However, a correction regarding the story: specifically where it was stated — perhaps a typographical error — that only four houses on the street were built before 1904. In fact, if you consider the last subdivision (1884) of Jason Russell's farm — the area from Mass. ave. to Irving St. — our house, built in 1903, is one of the newest structures. In that block there are at least 20 structures built before the turn of the century.

What makes this area suitable for historic district protection is that, unlike many such geographical areas in Arlington, it is very little changed from the time of its original development. It is thus a look into the past, circa 1900, even as the Russell District typifies 1880, the Broadway District 1850 and the Central St. 1840.

Now we move about a mile in distance, 100 years in time and light-years in concept to the proposed residential development on the rocks along Summer St. near the skating rink. The only comment I should like to make at this time is that the developer, Mr. Shalkah, seems to be operating under mistaken assumption that he can build on undersized lots. An amendment approved by the 1985 Annual Town Meeting removed the "grandfather clause" protection from undersized lots held in common ownership with adjoining parcels (article 73). Thus, single-family development in the King St. parcel should conform to the town minimum lot size requirement (6000 square feet) — size less than one-third of the typical lots laid out by the more enlightened developers of Jason Russell's farm 100 years ago.

Very truly yours,  
John L. Worden III

### Advanced Ambulance Is Not Needed

TO THE EDITOR:

Regarding the decision by the Board of Selectmen to join the paramedic service, I would like to pass on the following information.

Paramedics do things to stabilize a client, like defibrillation, intubation, give drugs, put in I.V.'s, etc. These procedures are done at the scene when the transport time to a hospital emergency room is excessive.

In other words, these skills and the expensive telemetry and equipment involved are applicable for rural areas. There is no place in Arlington that is further than a five minute ambulance ride to Symmes. For trapped, clients a physician could be brought to them in 10 minutes.

I know it is very glamorous to have a little hospital running around like on television, but paramedics trying to play doctor rather than transporting can do more harm than good. I have witnessed this many times over the years as an EMT.

More lives could be saved by taking the money for this expensive new toy and putting it into the police and fire services. An Advanced Life Support system for a town the size of Arlington with the medical facilities available makes about as much sense as having a town ski patrol.

Very truly yours,  
John H. Ferrier

### A Coach Thanks His Team

TO THE EDITORS:

On behalf of the players of the ARC Alarm-Bay Colony Paper Baseball team, I would like to thank some of the people involved with the success of this year's team.

It would not have been possible to have had the opportunity to play this year if people like Phil Malatesta, Ed Coughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Ricciardi and all the fine people at ARC Alarm and Bay Colony Paper hadn't given us a helping hand when we needed it. These people helped immensely and I appreciate it.

I, personally, would like to thank all the players on the ballclub. It has been a good year at times and a tough year at times, but in the end every player played in every game; that was what I set out to accomplish and I think everyone on the team cooperated so it could be done.

To those I may have forgotten to mention, I thank you also. It has been a good year and as the last few games come around, I look forward to next year to be even better.

Sincerely,  
Bob Nadeau

18 Bailey Rd.

P.S. You, The Advocate and Walter especially, did a superb job following our season. Thank You.

### Thanks, Officers

TO THE EDITOR:

Our sincere thanks to all the firefighters and police officers who responded to the Rhinecliff St. fire on June 22. Their prompt response and very careful work saved our house and many of our belongings.

Gratefully  
Michael and Julie Kinchla

### Parents Should Restrain Teens

TO THE EDITOR:

Over the past year, there have been several letters to the editor regarding teenagers who hang out in Arlington Center and other areas.

Some feel it's just "natural teen behavior" to gather in groups...OK. Others say they need a teen center in which to do this hanging out...even better! And then there is what could be considered an "extremist" view, i.e. "Lock 'em all up and ship 'em to Wyoming as soon as they hit 13."

Having been a teenager myself more than several years ago, and having been in the education field, I feel I am fairly easygoing when it comes to the teen issue.

However, when I can't sleep because some kid is running loose at 1:30 a.m., screaming at the top of his/her lungs, when the only word that seems to be in their vocabulary is F\*\*\* (and every derivative imaginable - at least they're showing creativity...), and when my car has been scratched, dented, stained, and gone through "elective surgery" (antennae ripped off, license plate stolen, tire slashed), I tend to lean towards the "Wyoming Cure" myself.

Before I totally alienate all parents and teens, let me clarify a few points:

1. No, I am not a parent, and realize things are sometimes easier said than done.  
2. I am not saying that all teens are at fault.  
3. I am not saying that these are all Arlington teens.

What I find myself thinking most of the time is where are these kids' parents? Do they know where their kids are and what they're doing and with whom they're doing it? More importantly, do they care?

In this day and age, where child abuse seems to be the norm, it seems we have discovered a new form of abuse - that of ignoring the problem, and therefore the child.

How much time does it take to set some ground rules in your household? Remember the term "curfew" - checking in...the word "no"?

My folks raised five kids - all of us made it successfully to adulthood without being arrested, doped out, brains out or picking our livers. I'm sure I had moments when I thought I hated my parents for being "too strict," and I'm sure they wanted to throw me out on more than one occasion.

But I thank God for all the times they cared enough to say no. My father can still give me "the look" and freeze me where I stand...not to mention the highly successful "I'm disappointed in you." I'm almost 30 and that still hurts.

My point is they set the limits and stuck to them because they loved us. Do you love your kids enough to get more involved in their lives? I hope so.

Duxbury lost five of their teens this year. Don't wait till that happens in Arlington before you tell your kids NO.

R. Skinner  
Arlington

### Correction

A caption beneath a photograph in last week's Advocate failed to identify two people in the picture. They are Libraries Director Maryellen Remmert (left) and Sue Anderson, Lioness Club president.

The Lioness Club was making a donation to the library.

## Last Cigarette With 'Ole Al

By Teddy Sullivan

It's been a while now. About two months. Mitch operates the store now. And Mitch is a fine man; a credit to this community.

But somehow it's different. I guess, because we always thought Al would be here long after we'd gone. Long after we'd moved.

We were wrong. Al left before we did. He retired, and left us with ourselves.

"I do a little gardening," Al smirked. "Nothing big. Just a few tomatoes and beans. Plus, I work around the house. I like it. I'm very happy, Teddy."

I first met Al 12 years ago. I'd moved to Arlington and needed, among other things, a loaf of bread. So I walked down to the corner store, the Broadway Variety. Al was behind the counter, smiling.

"What are your hours?" I asked him.

"What do you do for a living?" he answered.

"I teach school," I said. "In Natick. What difference does that make?"

"I'll be open long before you get up in the morning," he nodded. "And long after you've eaten dinner. What do you want beside the bread?"

"Nothing," I gulped. "Just the bread."

After that, the Broadway Variety became part of my morning ritual. Get up, shower and shave, coffee and toast, out the door, the Broadway Variety, and off to school. A ritual.

"Good morning, Al. The two papers and a package of Winstons. My last package of Winstons by the way."

"You've been saying that for six years. Don't you ever get tired of hearing it?"

"I didn't come here for any lectures, Al. Give me the Winstons or I'll eat that Meg-a-Bucks machine over there. Put you out of business."

"Do you want some mustard? Those things taste better with mustard."

Al never dealt in last names. Last names seemed to imply crisp collars, briefcases, scowls, feigned importance. Al dealt in honesty, trust. If you were a decent person, Al liked you. If you weren't, you weren't welcome in Al's store. Those were the rules. Period. No exceptions.

"Ten dollars and 46 cents."

"Al, I have some bad news for you. I forgot my wallet. It's on the kitchen table at home. I can see it from here."

"Go get it."

"C'mon, Al! It's pouring out. I'm a Catholic. You can trust me."

"I'll make a deal with you. If you announce on that ridiculous sports talk show of yours that the Red Sox should trade Jim Rice, you can take the groceries."

That's not a 'deal'! That's bribery! You could do three-to-five for this!"

"For a left-handed pitcher?"

"No way! Never happen, Al. By the way, I need some cat food, too."

No matter what the date, the weather, the whatever, you could count on leaving Al's with a snicker. The very snicker that seems to be the foundation for corner stores.

"It's snowing. No school in Arlington."

"Kind of a shame you teach in Natick. Natick has school."

"Remember that guy who drove through your window last week? He was my brother. He's kind of fond of 'instant replays.'"

"I figured out he was related to you. He told the police he was aiming for a barber shop in Watertown."

The 'corner store' is a dying tradition. It's being replaced by slick franchises that make faceless profit. They have no time for people. People like Al, who sell penny candy, laugh with kids, and get really angry when someone in your family dies. People who shovel their own walks; smuggle you a secret egg nog on the day before Christmas; eat baloney sandwiches and offer you a bite.

"I miss the people," Al said last week. "The people." Then his voice cracked a bit, but he continued. "And the kids. Especially the kids. Oh, there's always one bad apple but...you know...the kids were so great..."

And Peter, Al, Joe, Sylvia, Doty, Theresa... They had a party for me you know... I was trying to close the store and in they came. They were singing and they had a cake...big cake... They even had a money tree. Can you believe that? A money tree. For me."

"I didn't put one dime on that money tree, Al. Not one. Trust me, not one dime. You always charged me too much for lima beans."

"I miss the people. That's what I miss. Say 'hello to them for me."

Good-bye, Al. From your friends in East Arlington. God love you. Come visit. Just don't come on a Saturday morning. Flynn is still smoking those rancid cigars and talking nonsense.



Al Miano goes into retirement surrounded, as always, with friends of all ages.

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## Tag, Not Just Fine, Parking Violators

TO THE EDITOR:

The recent decision to increase the financial penalty for parking violations certainly reaffirms the intent of the Selectmen to resolve a growing problem.

However, if the parking problems are truly to be addressed, the police department must begin to consistently tag the offenders.

Blatant all day parking on Mass. ave. since removal of the meters seems to go almost unnoticed, while overnight parking is policed once a month. A token effort seems to be all that is made, but perhaps staffing limitations is the reason.

In any event, overnight parking abuses seem to have recently become more of a problem as over-zealous homeowners of two-family dwellings rent their properties to multivehicle families — without adequate off-street parking facilities.

Raising the fine from \$5 to \$10 will mean nothing unless the violators are tagged and tagged consistently (including those that park on the sidewalks.)

Respectfully yours,  
(Name withheld on request)



## Social



Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Daly

## Martha Alison Quigley Marries John E. Daly

Martha Alison Quigley of Arlington and John Edward Daly of Haverhill were married at an afternoon ceremony at St. Agnes' Church on May 26.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Quigley of Arlington, was given in marriage by her father. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Daly of Haverhill.

The bride wore a white organza gown with a tiered skirt and chapel-length train. The bodice, of Venise lace, was trimmed with seed pearls. She carried a cascade of sterling and white roses, stephanotis, and English ivy.

Paula Reed Quigley, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor and wore a waltz-length gown of white lace over mauve satin. She carried a bouquet of sterling roses, carnations, marguerites and English ivy.

Similarly attired were bridesmaids Elizabeth Quigley Tucker, sister of the bride, of Stockbridge; Christine Daly, sister of the bridegroom, of Bradford; Ellen Boudreau of Arlington, Adrienne Leone of Arlington and Margaret Mulligan of Texas.

Serving as best man for his cousin was Stefan Koukias of Lowell. The ushers were Charles F. Quigley of Arlington and Michael W. Quigley of Arlington; both brothers of the bride, and John Mulligan, Alan Sansoucie, and Michael O'Dea, all of Haverhill.

A reception was held at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in Cambridge where Kara Kelly of Chelsea was the guest book attendant.

On their return from a wedding trip to Bermuda, the bride, a 1975 graduate of Arlington High School, and the bridegroom reside in Haverhill.



Joan D'Agostino and James Steele

## Joan D'Agostino Is Engaged To James A. Steele

Dominick and Pauline D'Agostino of Watertown announce the engagement of their daughter, Joan Elizabeth, to James Andrew Steele, son of John and Ailie Steele of Arlington.

Miss D'Agostino is a graduate of Watertown High School. She attended Mass. Bay Community College and works at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton. Her fiancé is a graduate of Arlington High School and UMass Boston. He works at Stouffer's Bedford Glen Hotel.

A Sept. 28 wedding is planned.



Mary Reardon &amp; John A. O'Quinn

## Mary Reardon Is Engaged To John O'Quinn

Mr. and Mrs. Leo T. Reardon of Medford announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary M., to John A. O'Quinn Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. O'Quinn Sr. of Arlington.

Miss Reardon is a graduate of Medford High School and Northeastern University. She is director of quality assurance and medical records at Brookline Hospital.

Her fiancé graduated from Arlington High School and Control Data Institute and attended Northern Essex Community College. He is a customer engineer with Autologic Inc.

A November wedding is planned.



Camille Battite and Ronald Catalano were married at St. Eulalia Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Battite of Arlington. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Catalano of Everett. Nicolette Battite, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Michael Catalano, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The couple went on a honeymoon cruise to the Bahamas.

## Kathy Kontos Plans To Wed

Mrs. Josephine Kontos of Arlington announces the engagement of her daughter, Kathy, also the daughter of the late Michael Kontos, to Lou Lashon of Woburn, son of Pearl and Lyman Lashon of Arlington. An October wedding is planned.

## Karen E. Keenan

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent J. Keenan of Arlington became the parents of Karen Elizabeth on June 19 at Mt. Auburn Hospital.

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## Jaclyn Moranian

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Moranian of Winchester became the parents of Jaclyn Ann, their first child, on July 15 at Winchester Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Moranian of 190 Lowell St. and Guiseppe Baldacci of Winchester and Theresa Baldacci of Winchester.

## Victoria E. Funkhouser

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas H. Funkhouser of Arlington became the parents of Victoria Elizabeth on June 17 at Mt. Auburn Hospital.

## Frank Leverone IV

Frank and Susan Leverone of Lincoln St. became the parents of Frank Richard IV on May 25 at Beth Israel Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Chin of Norcross St. and Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Leverone of Somerville.

## Jennifer L. Gillis

Jennifer Lynn Gillis was born to Grace and Louis Gillis of Medford on July 2 at Malden Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Cortese of Medford and Mr. and Mrs. William Gillis of 21 Mayflower Rd.

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